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10 March 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

REFERENCE : DDS 71-0818, dtd 9 Mar 71

Jack :

Your memo to me leaves me concerned that you have an impression that we may be either unconcerned or disorganized in our approach to the matter of guest speakers both inside the Agency and outside. You certainly are right in feeling that we should have referred our interest in Mr. Marcy to Legislative Liaison in a more timely fashion, but we generally do and [redacted] affirmed only yesterday that he and that office are appreciative of the regular and careful consultation in all matters of contact with the Hill by OTR. [redacted] feels that no harm was done in the Marcy contact but I will be the first to agree that this does not in any way justify our failure to have properly explored making the contact in the first place. I realize that it is difficult from your position to know how these matters are handled in OTR and I would like to explain our procedures at some length. Of the many high level and hundreds of other speakers both outside and inside the Agency that we handle in a year you become aware only of those very few in which some problem arises.

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We believe that the maintenance of communication with the academic community, key figures in other Government agencies, men in public life--has never been more vital to the continued growth of the Agency, and a proper understanding by these elements of the extraordinary professionalism of our people as well as the role of CIA. To achieve this involves a great deal of doing. The contacting of certain men, particularly in the academic world, is delicate and requires a time consuming search for the proper way of making the invitation. All of this takes time and tact.

In arranging the schedule for the Advanced Intelligence Seminar from 3 - 19 March 1971, a Co-Chairman, [redacted] discussed the matter of guest speakers at some length on at least two separate occasions with the DTR. As you can well imagine, in arranging a three-weeks schedule involving some fifteen very high level guest speakers from outside the

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Present procedures in OTR call for the checking out of outside guest speakers in the Office of the DTR, within the appropriate school, the central guest speaker files plus with our Security Officer. Normally these procedures are sufficient to guarantee appropriate liaison with interested offices, clearances and general acceptability of the speaker. Your previous mention of problems related to guest speakers has caused us to consider anew the matter and handling of guest speakers at our weekly staff meeting and this resulted in the DTR's request that the Curriculum Council interrupt its agenda to consider this problem on a priority basis. A result of this has been that the Director of

Training has decided to centralize all matters related to the use of guest speakers both within the Agency and outside. He has been awaiting the return of one of our officers out on assignment to assume these new responsibilities which have been outlined and preliminarily defined by the Curriculum Council. We will be reporting on our progress in detail.



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Acting Director of Training

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Training

Rod:

The attached Extract raises again for me the worry about who makes what decisions with respect to course participants as well as the question of what internal coordination is accomplished. In this particular instance it seems almost obvious that a check should have been made with the Legislative Counsel before the approach was put to the Congressional staff member.

I would be interested in any comments that you may have on this incident and on the broader subject which I have mentioned in one form or another earlier on.



John W. Coffey

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"6. (Confidential - GLC) [] OTR, called about a date they have arranged for Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to speak to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar in the Foreign Relations Committee hearing room on Friday, 12 March. The topic is U. S. Foreign Policy in the 1970's: The Congressional Role. I told [] that the timing of such a visit was most unfortunate particularly in view of current developments with the Committee and suggested that OTR clear this with the Director. [] called later and said they had decided they could scratch this visit without difficulty and planned to do so."

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